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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

 Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

 In the Title: Please amend the title to read -- DATA STORAGE OPTIMIZATION METHOD AND APPARATUS --.

 In the Specification:

  at page 5, line 6 please delete "is" and substitute therefor --are--.

  at page 6, line 19 after "operative combination, " kindly add: -- perform the previously discussed method for optimizing data storage.--"

 In the Claims:

  Please cancel Claim 1.

  Please add the following claims:

  2. A method for improving the execution speed of an application program, the method comprising the step of optimizing the storage order of a plurality of data elements within a data file accessed by an application program.

  3. The method of Claim 2 wherein said data file further comprises a first data file and said optimizing step further comprises the step of creating a second data file as a